

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification (Abstract) as follows:

Please replace the Abstract beginning on page 15, line 2, and ending on line 6 with:

A superconducting cable comprising at least a superconducting conductor and a cryostat, including a thermal insulation and an inner tube, ~~is provided with a~~ protecting element between the superconducting conductor and the inner tube, to prevent damages to the superconducting material by the inner tube of the cryostat.